

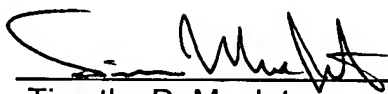
### REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-8, 10-12 and 14-18 are now pending in the application. It is unclear to the applicant how the applied reference is being interpreted to anticipate the pending claims. Applicant requests an interview with Examiner prior to the issuance of another action to discuss the applied reference; otherwise, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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